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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR STORING AND ACCESSING AN OBJECT BY A COMPUTER

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please REPLACE the pending specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please REPLACE the originally filed Abstract with the enclosed Substitute Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer of any of the subject matter claimed therein and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

16. A method for accessing a mapping object by a computer, comprising:

determining to retrieve the mapping object when a digital image is modified by a predefined process to at least one of transform and convert the digital image, the predefined process having at least one parameter which determines a mapping of the mapping object; determining an index by reference to the at least one parameter; and